

Bike Smart! Drive Smart!

SAFETY TIPS

FOR BICYCLISTS

- + Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
- + Wearing a bicycle helmet is strongly recommended.
- + Ride a bicycle on the right side of the road in the same direction as other traffic.
- + Use hand signals to communicate your actions to motor vehicles.
- + Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- + At night, a bicycle must have a white light visible from the front and a red reflector or light visible from behind; wear retro-reflective clothing when possible.

FOR MOTORISTS

- + Share the road with bicyclists.
- + Remember: Bicyclists have the same rights, rules and responsibilities as all other road users.
- + Pass a bicyclist only when it is safe giving ample room (3 foot minimum) and when there is no danger from oncoming traffic.
- + Look for bicyclists. You must develop your eye-scanning patterns to include cyclists.
- + Before opening the door of your parked car, check behind for cyclists.
- + Do not drive in or double-park in bike lanes.



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SHARE THE ROAD

The Indy BikeWays plan will create more than **200 miles** of bike lanes across the city during the next **15 years**.



SAFETY TERMS & SIGNALS

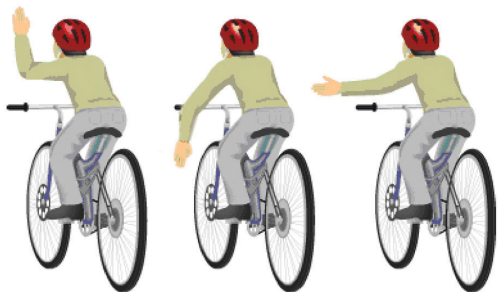
Do You Know Them?

“GREEN LANE”

Named for the green paint used to mark the pavement, the “green lane” identifies an area of extra caution for both cyclist and motorists.

- Motorists should cross bike lanes only where the pavement markings are dashed.
- Bicyclists should use extra caution when travelling both along or across green lanes.
- Cars should yield to bicycles when present.

BICYCLING HAND SIGNALS



RIGHT TURN

STOPPING

LEFT TURN

“DOORING”

Dooring refers to one danger that bicyclists face when travelling alongside parked vehicles – the unexpected opening of a car door in their path. The result of a bicyclist colliding with an open car door can be severe!

- Motorists must always look behind them before opening their car doors from an on-street parking position.
- Bicyclists must be on the alert for drivers entering or exiting parked vehicles.

SHARROW

A sharrow is a shared lane where both bicycles and motorists must share the road. Caution should be taken when approaching and riding or driving through a sharrow. These lanes are identified by multiple arrows painted on the road along a bike route.



BIKE MARKINGS



Bike lanes have a solid or dashed line. When the line is solid, the lane is intended for bicycles only, and motorists should not cross into the lane. When the line is dashed, bicyclists can merge into the lane but should beware of turning vehicles. Motorists should always yield to bicyclists.

Stay on the *right* side of the law

ORDINANCES & RULES

BICYCLES SHALL...

limit riding to one person per bicycle built for one.

VEHICLES SHALL...

pass a bicycle only at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet.

According to Indiana Vehicle Code Section 9-21-11-2,

“A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE UPON A ROADWAY HAS ALL THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES ... THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO A PERSON WHO DRIVES A VEHICLE.”

GREAT RESOURCES

Bicycle Indiana

www.bicycleindiana.org

Central Indiana Bicycling Association

www.cibaride.org

Central Indiana Commuter Services

www.327ride.net

Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority

www.cirta.us

Health by Design

www.healthbydesignonline.org

Indiana BikePort

inbikeport.org

Indianapolis Cultural Trail

www.indyculturaltrail.org

Indianapolis Parks Foundation

www.indyparksfoundation.org

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

indygo.net

INDYCOG

www.theindycog.com

League of American Bicyclists

www.bikeleague.org

Marion County Health Department

mchd.com

Pedal & Park

www.pedalandpark.org

YMCA Indy Bike Hub

www.indybikehub.org